

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 457
By Crutchfield

A RESOLUTION to name the Alton Park Middle School in
Hamilton County in honor of James Porter
Franklin.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly recognize those
exemplary individuals whose diligence and hard work have had a positive impact on this great
state; and

WHEREAS, James Porter Franklin is one such outstanding individual who is most
deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Franklin, who was born in Chattanooga, received his master's degree
from Indiana University; additional graduate studies were conducted at Fisk University,
Tennessee State University and the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Chattanooga, John P. Franklin proudly defended his
nation in the United States armed forces in World War II; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Franklin began his meritorious career in education in 1951; he quickly
ascended the ranks and was appointed principal of the William J. Davenport Elementary School
in 1960; and

WHEREAS, in 1962, John P. Franklin became the first principal of the newly constructed
Alton Park Junior High School; and

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WHEREAS, in 1970, he was elected to the Chattanooga City Commission and served the city with acumen for 20 years as the Commissioner of Education and Health; and

WHEREAS, from 1976-1990, John Porter Franklin served with acuity as Vice Mayor of Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, he also served admirably as Chairman of the Chattanooga Board of Education from 1970-1990; and

WHEREAS, during his remarkable career as teacher, coach, principal, City Commissioner, Board Chairman, Vice Mayor and businessman, John P. Franklin has provided astute leadership and steadfast support for the improvement of education of all the children of our great state; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Franklin has consistently demonstrated personal commitment to the ideals of public education, and has brought keen insight to the work of the Chattanooga Board of Education as well as the City Commission during a time of immense change in education and municipal government in Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, John P. Franklin has served the community as a professional educator, a highly respected public official and a leader in education and government. His conscientious decisions had a lasting and positive impact upon this community; and

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that the members of this General Assembly should honor a remarkable gentleman who has dedicated his life to his community and has made an indelible impression on education and civic leadership in Chattanooga, Hamilton County and to Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That Alton Park Middle School shall be named for its first principal, John Porter Franklin, a citizen who is an outstanding role model in every respect and a gentleman who has dedicated his life to enrich his community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.